

SEC. 4. RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING OPERATIONS.

(a) *IN GENERAL.*—Nothing in this Act shall be construed as significantly expanding or otherwise changing the use or operation of the Project from its current use and operation.

(b) *FUTURE ALTERATIONS.*—If the Authority alters the operations or uses of the Project it shall comply with all applicable laws or regulations governing such alteration at that time.

(c) *RECREATION.*—The Secretary of the Interior, acting through the National Park Service, shall continue to operate the Lake Meredith National Recreation Area at Lake Meredith.

(d) *FLOOD CONTROL.*—The Secretary of the Army, acting through the Corps of Engineers, shall continue to prescribe regulations for the use of storage allocated to flood control at Lake Meredith as prescribed in the Letter of Understanding entered into between the Corps, the Bureau of Reclamation, and the Authority in March and May 1980.

(e) *SANFORD DAM PROPERTY.*—The Authority shall have the right to occupy and use without payment of lease or rental charges or license or use fees the property retained by the Bureau of Reclamation at Sanford Dam and all buildings constructed by the United States thereon for use as the Authority's headquarters and maintenance facility. Buildings constructed by the Authority on such property, or past and future additions to Government constructed buildings, shall be allowed to remain on the property. The Authority shall operate and maintain such property and facilities without cost to the United States.

SEC. 5. RELATIONSHIP TO CERTAIN CONTRACT OBLIGATIONS.

(a) *PAYMENT OBLIGATIONS EXTINGUISHED.*—Provision of consideration by the Authority in accordance with section 3(b) shall extinguish all payment obligations under contract numbered 14-06-500-485 between the Authority and the Secretary.

(b) *OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE COSTS.*—After completion of the conveyance provided for in section 3, the Authority shall have full responsibility for the cost of operation and maintenance of Sanford Dam, and shall continue to have full responsibility for operation and maintenance of the Project pipeline and related facilities.

(c) *GENERAL.*—Rights and obligations under the existing contract No. 14-06-500-485 between the Authority and the United States, other than provisions regarding repayment of construction charge obligation by the Authority and provisions relating to the Project aqueduct, shall remain in full force and effect for the remaining term of the contract.

SEC. 6. RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER LAWS.

Upon conveyance of the Project under this Act, the Reclamation Act of 1902 (82 Stat. 388) and all Acts amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto shall not apply to the Project.

SEC. 7. LIABILITY.

Except as otherwise provided by law, effective on the date of conveyance of the Project under this Act, the United States shall not be liable under any law for damages of any kind arising out of any act, omission, or occurrence relating to the conveyed property.

Mr. THORNBERRY (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment in the nature of a substitute be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the amendment in the nature of a substitute offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. THORNBERRY).

The amendment in the nature of a substitute was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SPANISH PEAKS WILDERNESS ACT OF 1997

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent for the immediate consideration in the House of the bill (H.R. 1865) to designate certain lands in the San Isabel National Forest, in Colorado, as the Spanish Peaks Wilderness.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

Mr. SKAGGS. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, and I do not intend to object, especially since this is legislation of which I am the primary sponsor, but I did want to take a minute to explain this bill which would add to the National Wilderness System an area of some spectacular mountains in south central Colorado, really unique in their geology and their beauty and their habitat for some very important species of wildlife.

This area was not included in the 1993 Colorado Wilderness Act because there were still some unresolved issues involving use of inholdings. Those have been essentially resolved. I appreciate very much the action of the Committee on Resources in moving this bill through to the floor.

I also wish to express my thanks to my colleague and principal cosponsor on this legislation the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. MCINNIS).

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the bill, as follows:

H.R. 1865

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Spanish Peaks Wilderness Act of 1997".

SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF WILDERNESS.

(a) *AMENDMENT.*—Section 2 of the Colorado Wilderness Act of 1993 (Public Law 103-77) is amended by adding the following new paragraph at the end of subsection (a):

"(20) Certain lands in the San Isabel National Forest which comprise approximately 18,000 acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled 'Proposed Spanish Peaks Wilderness', dated May 1997, and which shall be known as the Spanish Peaks Wilderness."

(b) *MAP AND DESCRIPTION.*—As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall file a map and a boundary description of the area designated as the Spanish Peaks Wilderness by paragraph (20) of subsection 2(a) of the Colorado Wilderness Act of 1993, as amended by this Act, with the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural

Resources of the Senate. Such map and boundary description shall have the same force and effect as if included in the Colorado Wilderness Act of 1993, except that if the Secretary is authorized to correct clerical and typographical errors in such boundary description and map. Such map and boundary description shall be on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Chief of the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

SEC. 3. CONFORMING CHANGE.

Section 10 of the Colorado Wilderness Act of 1993 (Public Law 103-77) is hereby repealed, and section 11 of such Act is renumbered as section 10.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the two bills just passed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on S. 1379.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

HOURLY OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns this legislative day, it adjourn to meet at 11 a.m. on Friday, August 7, 1998.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

AUTHORIZING THE SPEAKER AND MINORITY LEADER TO ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS AND MAKE APPOINTMENTS, NOTWITHSTANDING ADJOURNMENT

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Wednesday, September 9, 1998, the Speaker, majority leader and minority leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.